GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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RESEARCH FOR HERBS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have undertaken an intensive search for the herbs found in the forests of the country for the purpose of manufacturing drugs;

(b) if so, the States wherein small scale or big pharmaceutical units have been set up to manufacture the drugs from the herbs alongwith the names of the herbs to be used by these units; and

(c) the number of the pharmaceutical units manufacturing drugs under the public and the private sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) The forests are the basic source of raw materials used in the manufacture of drugs. The Research councils have been conducting ethno-botanical survey.

(b)&(c): As per information available, there are about 9832 pharmacies of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy, out of which about 43 are in the public sector. Information is not available about the herbs used by individual units.